CIA Is Said to Utiliize Professors

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SANTA BARBARA, Calif., June 26 (AP) — A former member of the National Security Council says the Central Intelligence Agency uses several hundred professors and others as "secret recruiters" at more than 100 American universities.

Morton Halperin, speaking Friday at the 52d annual meeting of the American Association of University Professors at the University of California at Santa Barbara, said campus recruiters spot people who they believe can be helpful to the CIA, such as persons visiting campuses from abroad or those who plan trips overseas.

The secret recruiter then passes along the person's name to the CIA, which investigates his background, Halperin said.

If the CIA decides a direct approach requesting help from the person is inadvisable, he added, the agency often covertly hires the person to make reports abroad on behalf of a private firm.

Halperin said the operation is described in secret portions of the report of Idaho Sen. Frank Church's committee on intelligence activities.

Halperin did not identify campuses or faculty members involved in undercover activities.

Halperin, who is director of the Project on National Security and Civil Liberties, has sued Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for alleged wiretapping of Halperin's telephone while Halperin served on the National Security Council.